Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of George Nikolas, and we are richer because George lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, George was born June 3, 1923, to Andrew and Magdalena Nikolas. He grew up in Aberdeen, South Dakota, graduating from Aberdeen Central High School; and,

Whereas, From 1943 to 1946, George served in the United States Army and fought in WWII; and,

Whereas, George married Mavis E. Anderson on August 30, 1958, and to this union they were blessed with seven children and nine grandchildren; and,

Whereas, George served on the South Dakota State Railroad Board and South Dakota Railroad Authority between 1982 and 2013; and,

Whereas, George resides in Aberdeen and will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his family and friends gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 3, 2013, as

GEORGE NIKOLAS DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family and friends in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State